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Representations for repairing sluice No. 3 were received last year. The matter was examined and the repairs were completed in all respects on 2nd August 1956.

It was however found that 3 screw-gearing rods of the regulator required replacement. This has been taken up, but as there is about 16 feet of water now against the F.T.L. of 17 feet, the replacement can be made only during the ensuing summer when the tank level would be low, and there would be no crops in the fields. Meanwhile, the Executive Engineer has been directed to inspect the tank and close the leaks in the regulator, if any.

Inasmuch as the tank is almost full, it cannot be stated that there has been any failure on the part of the P.W.D. to keep the regulator in good repairs to store sufficient water for the kuruvai crop.

9-20 a.m. SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : May I know whether the Government have received any complaint with regard to the leakage in shutters? Is it a fact that due to this leakage the tank could not hold water and so the kuruvai crop had been a failure?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I do not know whether the hon. Member was following the statement I made just now. I said there has been a slight leakage, but that has not affected the storage capacity of the tank and repairs could not be effected until the water level goes down. I do not remember to have seen any complaint said to have been made to Government.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Area irrigated by Willingdon Reservoir

26 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of land that can be irrigated by the Willingdon Reservoir in the Vridhachalam taluk, South Arcot district; and

(*b*) the extent of land now irrigated by the reservoir?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The extent that can be irrigated (viz., the ayacut under the reservoir) is 26,851 acres of first crop and 6,359 acres of second crop. The extent now irrigated by the reservoir varies from year to year. The extents actually irrigated from the reservoir every year during the last 14 years are as shown below :—

Years.	First crop.	Second crop.
	ACS.	ACS.
1941–42	18,575	4,848
1942–43	20,488	6,324
1943–44	20,870	7,905
1944–45	20,852	5,407